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Subject: Record of Decision, Operable Unit 3-13, Idaho Nuclear Technology & Engineering Center, Idaho National Engineering & Environmental Laboratory

Dear Ms. Cook and Mr. Clarke:

The Idaho Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been involved in the development and review of the referenced Record of Decision (ROD). DEQ is committed to and confident in the process which resulted in the selection of the remedies described in the ROD. DEQ participated in public meetings where public comments and concerns were received. The comments received from the public, as well as those given by DEQ, have been adequately addressed. At the same time, I want to be clear on DEQ's position as the ROD proceeds to implementation.

As you both know, the ROD calls for a selected remedy which includes on-site disposal of certain soils and debris from CERCLA cleanup activities on the INEEL. The ROD specifies that the siting, design, and operation of any such disposal facility will meet strict regulatory standards. Waste Acceptance Criteria for the facility will be developed during the remedial design and will be subject to approval by DEQ. DEQ will not agree to any facility or associated operations which are not protective of the underlying groundwater or any other aspect of the environment or public health. DEQ will use the approval process in the ROD, the provisions of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order, and our other authorities as necessary to ensure that this outcome is achieved.

With this said, DEQ concurs with the selected remedial alternatives for the sites contained in the ROD and is signatory to the ROD with DOE and EPA. Should you have any questions about the above, please let me know.

Sincerely,

C. Stephen Allred
Administrator

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